



**CITY OF TUCSON**  
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

**SUMMARY OF CHANGES**  
**HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015**  
February 13, 2014

- Amendment to add additional referral based preferences for up to 10 % of the Housing Choice Voucher allotment. The Housing Choice Voucher Program will conduct public outreach to determine the greatest need in the community and select non-profit community agencies through a Request for Proposal to partner referrals of homeless individuals and families.
- Allow households to self-certify as to having assets of less than \$5,000 in accordance with Temporary Compliance Provisions issued in PIH Notice 2013-3.
- Allow for optional streamlined annual examinations for elderly families and disabled families on fixed income in accordance with Temporary Compliance Provisions issued in PIH Notice 2013-3.
- Require that flat rents for higher income public housing tenants to be set at no lower than 80% of applicable Fair Market Rent.
- Once HUD publishes the change in regulation, utility allowances for HCV clients will be based on the Voucher size rather than Unit size.
- Once HUD publishes the change in regulation, allow for biennial inspections for some units receiving HCV assistance such as multi-family sites without a history of deficiencies or HQS non-compliance.
- Provide authority to conduct criminal records checks when it has come to the attention of the PHA, either from local law enforcement or by other means, that an individual has



engaged in the destruction of property, engaged in violent activity against another person, or has interfered with the right to peaceful enjoyment of the premises to other residents. Such checks will also include sex offender registration information. In order to obtain such information, all adult household members must sign consent forms for release of criminal conviction and sex offender registration records on an annual basis. (The PHA may not pass along to the tenant the costs of a criminal records check)

- Provide authority for the PHA to extend existing provisions for fraud relating not only to the PHA, but to include other federal authorities such as the IRS, State, and Municipal Governments or any other governmentally funded programs.
- The PHA shall convert up to 60 additional Housing Choice Vouchers to Project Based Vouchers to support homeless veterans with agency sponsored services that are otherwise not participating in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program. The proposal selection procedures will be in accordance with 24 CFR 983.51.

